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Today's Postbag

The Weather

FORECAST: Rising temperatures, with drizzle mainly in the hill regions.

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Jerusalem	15	18	22	25
Tel Aviv	18	22	26	29
Haifa	15	18	22	25
Natanyah	15	18	22	25
Tel Aviv Kirya	18	22	26	29
Tel Aviv Port	18	22	26	29
Lydda Airport	18	22	26	29
Jerusalem	15	18	22	25
Beersheba	15	18	22	25
Eilat	15	18	22	25

(A) Humidity at 5 p.m. (B) Minimum temp. (C) Maximum temp. (D) Maximum temp. expected today.

ARRIVALS

Mrs. Helen Bentwich, from England, where she has just relinquished her post as Chairman of the London County Council.

Mr. Moshe M. Bookstein, Legal Adviser of the Jewish Agency in New York, for consultations (by K.L.M.).

A nine-man delegation of the Panagiotis Marine Advisory Board, headed by its Chairman, Captain A.B. Cavaghan, for a week's study of port operation methods.

DEPARTURES

Mr. Bernard Cherrick, Director of the Hebrew University's Department of Organization and Information, for the U.S. on a U.J.A. mission (by K.L.M.).

Mr. U. Shalom, Managing Director, Shemen Works, Haifa, on a short trip to Germany on Company business.

Mr. S. Bentzur, Israel Minister to Austria, for Vienna after a brief visit (by El Al).

Mr. Charles Passman, Director-General of Malben, to attend the semi-annual directors' conference of the J.D.C. in Paris.

1500 IMMIGRANTS are due today in Haifa in the a.s. Salta.

SUMMER TIME comes into operation today at 1 a.m. next Sunday when clocks will be put forward one hour making Israel time three hours ahead of Greenwich Standard Time. Summer time will be in effect till September 21.

UNSEASONAL heavy rain fell in Eilat for nearly an hour on Monday. It exposed tons of cement at other building materials which were stored in the open.

TEL AVIV COURTS are to re-open today, following the Passover recess. Lawyers for both sides in the Amos Ben-Gurion versus Shmuel Hamidov trial, libel action, are to meet with the court today to compare their respective minutes of the proceedings. The trial will be resumed next week.

THE KAFR KASIM trial resumes today at 9.30 a.m. at an "army camp somewhere in Jerusalem."

CLASSES will be resumed in all Hebrew Ulpanim in Jerusalem this evening. The Education Department of the Jerusalem Municipality announces.

HUNDREDS of external students will participate in the matriculation examinations in Jerusalem, Tel Aviv and Haifa, which will last until May 12.

ALIZA ALBAZ, 10, and her 8-year-old brother Johar, were severely injured while playing with their car at Moshav Shvulim on Monday, and were taken to the Hadassah Hospital in Beersheba.

THE SEVENTH general convention of the National Association for Physio-Therapy will be held at the Beit El-Histadrot, Rehovot, Tel Aviv, on Friday and Saturday. Among the lecturers are Professor Emil Adler, Dr. K. Eljakim and A. Chiora and Messrs. E. Weller and Lea Smith.

TWO 16-YEAR-OLD boys who allegedly stole several public telephones in Rishon LeZion were detained and released on bond by the police on Monday night. Rishon LeZion was without public telephones last week because of thefts, it was reported.

MEMBERS of Tel Aviv Magen David Adom are requested to call at the M.D.A. offices in Rehovot Mazeh to receive instructions for Independence Day.

Ben-Zvi to Award World Stamp Prize

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — President Zvi Ben-Zvi has agreed to be patron of the International Stamp Exhibition to be held here in September. Dr. M. Ophir, Chairman of the "Tabii" committee of the exhibition, stated today. The President will award the international prize for the best stamp collection, it was stated.

The exhibition is sponsored by the International Philatelic Federation. Dr. Y. Burg, Minister of Posts, has consented to act as Chairman of the honorary "Tabii" committee, which is composed of Mr. G. Agnon, Mayor of Jerusalem, Mr. H. Levanon, Mayor of Tel Aviv, Mr. H. Ben-Menahem, Director-General of the Ministry of Posts, Dr. Dov Joseph, M.K. Jewish Agency Treasurer and Rabbi M. Nurock, M.K.

Collectors qualify for entry by having either won a silver medal or its equivalent in a national or regional contest, or on the recommendation of the approved national body.

Our deepest sympathy to our colleague

Mr. Paul Silberstein on the loss of his father

Dan Hotel Management

No New Ma'abarot Needed—Goldmann

Jerusalem Post Reporter

No new ma'abarot were being erected in the country, Dr. Nahum Goldmann, President of the World Zionist Organization, told a press conference in Jerusalem yesterday. Replying to a question, he said the delay in eliminating the present ma'abarot stemmed from the refusal of immigrants living there to move unless they were given housing near the large cities.

Dr. Goldmann, who is leaving the country today for Europe, said the final problems that still had to be met by the Agency in view of increased immigration. He said 12,000 immigrants had arrived in Israel in May and 10,000 in June. While in Switzerland, Dr. Goldmann will meet representatives of Hungarian Jewry to discuss problems of reparations for Nazi victims and questions of orphans and contact between Hungarian and Jewish Jewry.

In London, Dr. Goldmann will participate in the annual meeting of the World Jewish Congress Executive, which will deal with immigration from Eastern Europe within the unification of families framework, and questions of the restoration of Egyptian Jewish property.

Dr. Goldmann said that he met Arab leaders in Nazareth and told them he would discuss their problems with Cabinet Ministers. Their specific complaints were restriction of military movement, continuation of military government, and the problem of ownership of abandoned lands. Dr. Goldmann said they did, however, point to improvements in their economic status and in education and health facilities. Dr. Goldmann added.

Dr. Goldmann, who is expected to return to Israel in two months, will also visit Bonn.

Bevan Lauds Success Of Immigration Policy

EILAT, Tuesday. — Israel has achieved marvels in the way she has managed and is now managing to accept new immigrants, Dr. Aneurin Bevan, British Labour foreign policy expert of the British Labour Party, in an interview with your reporter today.

Mr. Bevan has no reason to oppose the concentration of political and economic power as he might a similar concentration in England.

Mr. Bevan was exhausted after a strenuous trip around Eilat, in which he saw the principal places of interest. He refused to be drawn into controversy as he issues over Middle East problems.

300 Children Enjoy 'Sabana' Film Treat

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — Over 300 nine-year-olds filled Eilat cinema today and were taken on a "Sabana" helicopter tour of Ben-Zvi's age with Queen Shvulim of the Belgians and Queen Juliana of the Netherlands. Afterward they were entertained at the tribulations of Princess Zeida in an animated cartoon "The Rose of Baghdad."

The children, who were guests of Sabana Belgian airlines, had also participated in an essay competition on "What is a helicopter?" in "Ezra'on," the children's weekly.

Sabana local management decided to give the children a treat by showing them the short "Helicopter Goes to Town" which won first prize in a U.S. television competition.

At the end of the show, they each received a little satchel and a ball from the airline company.

New Type of Mifal Hapayis Soon

An innovation soon to be introduced into the Mifal Hapayis will enable purchasers of whole tickets to participate in an additional draw entitling them to prizes ranging from IL50 to IL1,000. The new ticket will have an extra coupon attached with its own serial number, which will be drawn in a separate lottery held at the same time as the main one. Half bonds will not have the attached coupon.

The sum total of prizes in the main lottery has been increased to IL500,000.

MK's FOR NICE

Two Knesset members, Mr. David Hacohen (Mapai) and Mr. Haim Arjavi (General Zionism) left for Nice yesterday to attend the meeting of the Inter-Parliamentary Council which opens there today.

Mr. Hacohen will also go to Brussels in his capacity as Chairman of the Committee for the Israel Pavilion at next year's International Fair.

Arkia Breakdown Delays Visitors

EILAT, Tuesday. — The breakdown of two Arkia planes yesterday caused delays to holiday-makers returning to their homes in the north. A third Arkia plane which was loaded for a month from England for the holiday season will make its last flight to Eilat tomorrow, after which it will return to England.

Beersheba Awaits First Oil From Eilat Pipeline Today

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA, Tuesday. — The oil storage tanks near the railway station here were completed tonight in anticipation of the arrival of the first oil through the Eilat pipeline in the early morning hours.

Mr. Libertovsky, of Mekorot, stated tonight that the oil was flowing between Eilat and Beersheba, and that it will be pumped to the tanks. He said that the entire passage would be completed by tomorrow afternoon.

He denied emphatically that the escape of oil north of Beersheba on Saturday was caused by leakage in the pipes. It was caused, he said, when a bulldozer hit the line in two places. The quantity of oil lost was small, since the damage was immediate.

New Road In Judean Hills

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The first section of a new road through the Judean Hills, which is to traverse the Adulam settlement area, was opened yesterday by Mr. Mattityahu Kahanevitz, of the Jewish Agency's Hill Department. Present at the ceremony were Mr. S. B. Yehoshua, Jerusalem District Representative, and members of the Jewish Agency and Jewish National Fund.

Mr. Kahanevitz said that work on the first section would be started during June and July. It was hoped that the road would be finished and occupied before winter.

Pasture and Carobs During their first two years on the soil, the settlers are to work on the land and reclamation and afforestation. Then they are to be gradually shifted to farming their own land.

Of the 100,000 dunams in the region, 25,000 are destined for intensive cultivation, and the rest for pasture, carob orchards and woodlands.

Jordan Asked To Return Sheep

RAMLE, Tuesday. — Israel representatives on the Mixed Israel-Jordan Armistice Commission today asked the Jordanian side to return 200 head of sheep which were taken over the border by two Israeli Arabs.

It was stated today that two brothers, Salah and Muhsen Jibra, crossed into Jordan last Saturday, and that the police had discovered that they had not been kidnapped by the Jordanians, as their parents had claimed.

Infiltrators from the Gaza Strip on Sunday night stole nine sheep, valued at IL600, from Moshav Mishan in the vicinity of Ashdod. Infiltrators also stole on the same night a donkey, a mule and six sheep valued at IL1,700 from Moshav Shvulim.

Two infiltrators tried to break into Kibbutz Gvulot after midnight last night but the attempt was foiled by the settlement's guards. (Itim)

Krips Ends Tour With Praise for Orchestra

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — An enthusiastic audience gave a rousing send-off to the conductor, Josef Krips, at his last concert with the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra in the Obel Shein hall here last night. He was presented with a silver-bowd Bible by Mr. Zvi Haffel, Concertmaster of the Orchestra.

The I.P.O. broke its routine last night and gave two subscription concerts, one after the other, as Mr. Krips, who is accompanied by his wife, had to leave for Vienna today, because of the cancellation of a flight tomorrow.

Three rehearsals, 12 concerts and eight performances for recording in 19 days, were not hard work, but a positive pleasure, when there is so high a standard of artistry as the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra has achieved," Mr. Krips declared before leaving for Lydda Airport today.

Woodworking Taught SAFAD, Tuesday. — Thirteen handicraft teachers from Government schools between Nahariya and Beersheba have graduated from a woodcraft course organized by the Ministry of Education and Culture.

It was directed by Mr. V. Loch, leading woodcraft expert and owner of a workshop here which produces objects and souvenirs. Further courses for teachers are to be held soon.

YULIN APPEAL TO BE HEARD FRIDAY

The appeal of Alexander Yulin against the five-year sentence for handing over military information to Egypt will be heard this Friday by the Supreme Court sitting at the Court of Criminal Appeals.

Mr. Colin Gillon, the State Attorney, will appear for the State.

Yulin will appear in his own defence. He has refused the services of a State-appointed defence attorney. (Itim)

Algerian Terrorists Kill Six Moslems

ALGERIA, Tuesday (Reuters). — Four persons were wounded today when a bomb exploded at Boufajir railway station near Algiers. The bodies of six Moslems were found in villages around Algiers during the night.

Work on the pipeline started in December, and 23,000 ten-metre pipe sections were laid along the 230-kilometre stretch from Eilat to Beersheba.

Pumps at Work Three pumping stations are functioning at present, two along the line and one to pump the oil into the tanks. Mr. Libertovsky said the workers did a good job and were now very tired, but their rest would not be a long one as work would start shortly on the Beersheba-Ashdot Yam line.

The transport of oil to Haifa will start on Thursday morning by rail and road tankers, chartered by the Leva Leha'fat Kav Hadelek (the oil pipeline company).

Although the approval of the Eilat loan which Mr. Levi Eshkol, the Minister of Finance, negotiated during his visit to France constituted an important contribution to the Israeli economy, there is no doubt that more help would be needed to absorb the increased flow of immigration, Mr. Roche noted.

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Unemployment Down to 6,370

Jerusalem Post Reporter

There was a considerable improvement in the employment situation during the week ending April 12, when unemployment figures dropped by 4,045 to 6,370. They included 4,540 unskilled workers and 1,338 women.

The provision of 5,000 workdays for Passover, the increased labour requirements for the end of the citrus harvest and other seasonal occupations connected with the holiday largely accounted for the improved position.

A further I.L.M. is to be loaned to various enterprises by the Provident Funds and the "Unemployment Fund" of the Histadrut. The loans were authorized yesterday by the Histadrut's Employment Department and will be granted during May and June.

An additional 70,000 to 120,000 persons will need work when the citrus picking season and various casual works end. Mr. E. Reperetz, Head of the Department, declared. The situation in the building industry, however, has improved, he said, and a shortage of skilled men is likely to be felt soon. The Histadrut has already loaned IL2m this year, which provided a quarter of a million workdays, he said.

Ashkelon May Get More Help from S.A.

LYDDA AIRPORT, Tuesday. — The authorities of continued assistance to Ashkelon to be explored by Mr. P. Schneidman, Chairman of the South African Ashkelon Committee, who arrived here last night. His wife by Swissair last night.

Mr. Schneidman declared on arrival that "certain difficulties had arisen between Ashkelon and South African Airways," and that he would seek to find a solution to these problems. The Jewish Community in South Africa had fulfilled the target they had set for themselves. "We now want to see what more can be done," he said.

A plan to set up more industrial units in the area being considered by South African investors, and it was hoped that the Government here would assist them. (Itim)

Welfare Lotteries Net Over Half Million

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — The annual Independence Day lottery has brought an income of IL600,000 to the Soldiers Welfare Committee during the last five years, and this year's tickets are expected to bring a larger sum. The committee's year IL180,000, Mr. Z. Ruckel, Deputy Chairman of the Welfare Committee, stated here today.

This year's draw will be held on May 12 and one ticket actually sold will be included in the draw, Mr. Ruckel said.

The Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Yosef Baratz, today told the Press that French Zionist women had "adopted" the Soldiers Club in Natanya. The city of Boston has applied to the Committee to adopt the Soldiers Club in Tel Aviv.

The Committee was preparing public Independence Day celebrations after the parade here, and also refreshments and entertainment both for the soldiers in the march and for those remaining in their camps, Mr. Ruckel added.

MAKIN WINS NUFFIELD SCHOLARSHIP

Dr. Myer Makin, head of the Department of Orthopedic Surgery at the Rothschild-Hadassah University Hospital in Jerusalem, has been awarded a Nuffield Scholarship in Orthopedic Surgery to be held for one year at Oxford University.

Dr. Makin was recently appointed Hunterian Professor for 1957 and is due to lecture in London in June under the auspices of the Royal College of Surgeons.

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More French Aid For Israel Seen

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The French Economic Council will be a staunch friend of Israel, Dr. Maurice Roche, its President, stated at a press conference in Jerusalem yesterday, winding up the seven-day tour of a French delegation during which it studied the country's economic problems.

The Council appreciated that Israel would need considerable loans from France; it was natural that Israel, which had received aid from France in its gravest hour, should expect economic assistance, Mr. Roche said.

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Big Pipelines

Regarding the proposed big pipeline, he stated that a committee had been appointed by the French Cabinet to study the problem. He expected that a parallel committee would be appointed by the Israeli Government. He emphasized that the pipeline question was receiving his Government's full attention.

Mr. Roche and his colleagues, accompanied by Mr. Pierre Gilbert, the French Ambassador, were yesterday received by the President. The Foreign Minister yesterday gave a luncheon in honour of the delegation, which was also received by the Mayor of Jerusalem, Mr. Gershon Agron. In signing the guest book, Mme. Roche added in French after her name: "Next Year in Jerusalem."

The delegation later toured the city and visited Herzl's tomb.

2 French Ex-Ministers Of Defence Due

TEL AVIV, Tuesday. — Two former French defence ministers are expected here today. They are Mr. Jean Crouzier, and Mr. Louis W. Christaens, both members of the National Assembly.

Mr. Christaens was the first of the not only, Minister of Aviation in history who himself piloted a supersonic aircraft. He is 68, a native of northern France and a lawyer. He was awarded the Military Cross of the Legion of Honour in 1917, and the Grande Croix of the Legion in 1956. He won military medals in both the First and the Second World Wars. In 1945 he was arrested by the Gestapo and detained at Buchenwald for over a year.

He has six children and won the Legion of Honour for large families in France.

M. Crouzier was born in the Vosges 55 years ago. A lawyer by profession, he was elected Mayor of Blandin in 1936, and member of the Chamber for Meurthe et Moselle ten years later. He is Chevalier of the Legion of Honour and of the Croix de Guerre in the last war.

Bentov Leaves For Milan Fair

LYDDA AIRPORT, Tuesday. — The Minister of Development, Mr. M. Bentov, left today for the Milan International Fair by El Al to attend "Israel Day" to be held at the Israel Pavilion.

The Minister will later go to London to participate in the Expo in Tel Aviv. The World Jewish Congress which opens next Monday. (Itim)

SELWYN LLOYD FILES DIVORCE PETITION

LONDON, Tuesday (UPI). — Foreign Secretary Selwyn Lloyd has filed a petition for divorce with El Al to attend "Israel Day" to be held at the Israel Pavilion.

The 33-year-old statesman had been separated from his wife, Rachel, for some time. It was understood that the petition was on the grounds of Mrs. Lloyd's alleged adultery. The co-respondent was named as Mr. Martin Lubbock.

The petition is unopposed. Lloyd married his secretary Elizabeth Marshall, then 24, in March 1951. They have a four-year-old daughter, Joanna.

DEBT. — The Polish Minister for Foreign Trade, Mr. Witold Rasmanski, has announced that Poland will have a foreign trade debt balance of 900m. exchange roubles this year.

Druse Welcome Recognition As Separate Religious Community

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The new regulation will be posted in every Druse home in Israel, in our holy places and in our hearts, Sheikh Jaber Ma'di, M.K., said in Jerusalem yesterday during a brief ceremony at which Government recognition of the Druse as a separate religious community was announced.

Ten Druse notables and senior Ministry officials were present in the office of the Minister for Religious Affairs as the Minister, Mr. Moshe Shapiro, read the text of a regulation published in Rashmout on Sunday, stipulating that the Druse were now empowered to deal with the internal affairs of their community. These are mainly questions of personal status and administration of religious trusts funds and holy places.

The 20,000-strong Druse community is the first group to have been granted such recognition by the Israel Government. They bring to 12 the number of religious communities recognized in this country since the days of Ottoman rule, including Jews, Moslems and nine Christian communities.

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Lydda Airport, Tuesday. — Fourteen industrial enterprises in the Lydda area have sent a joint protest to the Kishon Development Authority against the continuous delays in the reconstruction of the Kishon road behind the Lydda airport.

The bridge was torn down in 1954 by the Authority, to make way for the Kishon Harbour, in disregard of the interests of the plants for which the Kishon Bridge and the airport road behind it was a vital link with the city area and beyond.

Neither the Kishon Authority nor any other Government agency provided an alternative route for the industries and their workers. Thousands of tons of goods and between 500 and 1,000 workers have to travel to and from their places of work on the heavily used Haifa-Acre road, which is at least twice as long.

The experts believe that from the extra cost to the economy since 1954 several bridges could have been built across the Kishon. "One talks and writes about the development of industry, yet here we witness a lack of regard for what we consider the elementary interests of enterprise which have pioneered the development of this waste area," the memorandum to the Kishon Authority says.

The construction of an approach road to a new bridge site has begun but is proceeding amid recurrent delays.

Acute Shortage Of Doctors In Negev

BEERSHEBA, Tuesday. — The shortage of doctors in the Negev is becoming more acute, and no solution is in sight, Mr. Reuven Kligler, Director of the Negev District of the Kupat Holim, stated at a press conference here today.

At present there are 30 general practitioners and three specialists in the permanent population of 100,000 in the district. The region is short of 17 general practitioners and one surgeon.

The number of doctors has dropped from 384 per 1,000 in 1952 to 2.45 per 1,000 this year. On an average each doctor has to serve five settlements with a population of some 25,000.

Kupat Holim's estimated income and deficit for the current year in the Negev district is IL2,300 and IL2,400,000 respectively as compared with an income of IL325,000 and deficit of IL750,000 last year.

The Negev had received six doctors from among the new immigrants, and a further nine doctors were expected next month through the Kupat Holim hospital under construction, which is being increased by 20 to 275 beds. Building operations were progressing satisfactorily but the overall cost had gone up from IL2,000 to IL4m, Mr. Kligler noted.

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CRISIS has become a permanent condition in Jordan, and while there may yet be a sudden and complete dissolution, there is a little prospect of permanent stability at present. For Jordan does not need Syria to divide it: it is already split. The Western half is inhabited by embittered former Palestinians who never relinquished being made part of Hussein's desert domain, have no territorial loyalties, and genuinely believe that there can only be a future for them in some form of Greater Syria—if possible also including the whole of Israel—a prospect that Nasser and Soviet advisers continuously hold out to them. Their leaders are the ravenous cuckoos in Hussein's nest that have thrown out the tribal politicians from the other side of the Jordan, and dominate its cabinets. But the Palestinians' influence does not extend to the Arab Legion, in which they never played a part, and which is now inclined to be loyal to Hussein, at least as far as the Bedouin sections are concerned. For as long as he can survive it, Hussein can thus play off his army against his government.

Such as the United States would like to help Hussein, it is still afraid to do so openly, for fear of supplying ammunition to Cairo's radio war against the "imperialists" in Jordan, but Hussein has been receiving, and accepting, American advice, with prospects of substantial assistance once he has succeeded in re-establishing himself. The position of the U.S. in Jordan, as much as in the rest of the Middle East, is dominated by the desire first of all to isolate Egypt and her satellite, Syria, from the other Arab states, in order that he may finally be disposed of without alienating Afro-Asian sympathies. It proved simple enough to persuade Saudi Arabia that Egyptian hegemony within the Arab world is directed at obtaining for populous and poverty-stricken Egypt a share in the oil wealth of the other states, and particularly in that of under-populated but wealthy Saudi Arabia. There are indications that Saudi Arabia is now prepared to operate with the United States to a large extent, and in this process to exact some minor concessions, such as the weakened U.S. position on Israel transit through the Straits of Tiran. He is also prepared to co-operate with Iraq in maintaining the status quo in Jordan once he has occupied Akaba, which Saudi Arabia has long claimed, in order to prevent any aggravation of the Syrian situation. That country has now to a large extent become free to Egypt as the main Soviet stronghold in the Middle East, since Egypt was much discredited by its total failure in the Sinai fighting, and because even the Soviets may have finally written Nasser off as too unreliable. Certainly the Syrians' latest attempt to move into Jordan was stopped by an Israeli threat to cut off any troops that entered, and to this extent the American combination has actually been able to assist Jordan. The serious question with which the Syrian situation is regarded is illustrated by the offer of Turkish military assistance to the Lebanon.

There can be no doubt that the Cairo radio war against Jordan is being carried on with Soviet help. The Russians even know that they helped to kill off the dying colonialism of Britain and France in the Middle East only to have it rapidly replaced by an invisible and far more effective American rule through economic incentives. They are not taking this defeat lying down, for they do not believe that Egypt can renew her war against Israel for several years to come, and are much less afraid of a world war being kindled here than they were six months ago, and were prepared to risk active intervention. Whatever temporary quiet may thus be achieved in Jordan, there is no hope of stability until there have also been far-reaching political changes in Egypt and Syria.

Eisenhower's Influence on the Wane Republican Programme's Self-Contradiction Coming Through to Surface

By PATRICK O'DONOVAN

WASHINGTON (APNS).—PRESIDENT Eisenhower is having a hard time. His prestige has been hurt by his inaction in Congress, where the giants of his own party behave at times as if they were the Opposition and the Democrats are less and less inclined to help him in even his most liberal proposals.

This domestic political storm is confined to the most part, among the professional politicians in Washington. It was inevitable that his political inaction should become a political liability, only because he cannot afford to be a President, and his once crowded calendar has become a lonely, almost unfashionable place.

The most recent example of this diminished influence came with his Budget proposal. In Congress, Mr. Eisenhower's proposals represent more than a domestic issue. The Republican Party in Congress has been sharply against high spending and high taxation. And there are many great Democratic congressmen who are not inclined to agree with the Republican.

Unsettled Conflict
It is the old spectacle of a democracy being unwilling to pay the price of peace. But it is more than that. This is evidence of the deep contradiction within modern Republicanism. The evidence that you cannot be liberal in your home and foreign domestic policies—as is President Eisenhower—and yet conservative in your foreign and domestic policies—as is the President when he first took office, and as are most of the Congressional Republicans today.

In January the President presented to Congress a record budget. It was estimated that the expenditure of the Federal Government would be \$118.7m. for the fiscal year 1957-58, which begins on July 1. It indicated further that there would be still higher spending next year. Most of the increase in the Budget represented an increase of nearly \$3,000 million over the latest estimates for the current fiscal year, so on defence and related items. Something like 63 cents out of every dollar will be spent on such items.

Three things have happened to this Budget. Congress in the person of Senator Harry Byrd (Democrat) and Senator Styles Bridges (Republican) and Senator William Knowland (Republican) has turned against it. And the House of Representatives has already set to work cutting it down. Mr. Eisenhower's own Secretary of the Treasury (Mr. George Humphrey) damned its extravagance by clear implication, and predicted that if taxation were not reduced "You will have a depression that will curl your hair." And Mr. Eisenhower suggested that Congress might profitably occupy itself with cutting the Budget.

Mr. Eisenhower has since begun to press his Budget in a more conventional way, as if he has only recently realized that he and he alone is responsible for its form and presentation. This apparently vacillating line of action has not improved his prestige with Congress.

The Senate has not yet come to consider the Budget, though the House of Representatives has already argued on cuts in the U.S. Information Agency and State Department budget. The cuts are a little phoney just now. Most of the money in the Budget is either tied up in programmes already established by law, or involves money that has already been appropriated. But if, as seems likely, the Congress cuts the defence budget, then in the years to come the U.S. will feel a blast of insecurity that it has created itself.

Included in the Budget was a request for \$4,000m. for defence and military aid. Overwhelmingly, the majority of this is for various sorts of military assistance. There is also an estimate for the same sum for current spending. This, too, is certain to be under concerted attack. So the most powerful politicians in the Republican Party are bent on economy, and the Democrats, even the liberal ones, in their bitterness with Mr. Dulles, and to a lesser extent with the President, are in no mood to rescue anyone.

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Nye Invited to Take Close Look

THE arrival here of Mr. Aneurin Bevan, "Foreign Secretary" of the British Labour Party, will give him an opportunity to see things for himself, writes David (Hastadur). And if his idea that India can be instrumental in getting the Arabs to recognize Israel is borne out, his share in bringing peace to this region — if it is in the end — will be inestimable. For Mr. Bevan will see that it is not an unreadiness on our part but the refusal of Jordan, as a case in point, to come to terms with Israel, that leaves an opening for the penetration of all kinds of imperialism and their cold war into this region.

The collapse of the rickety compromise upon which present Jordan Government has been reared, writes Lamerhav (Abdul Haavoda), is being hastened by the "friendly" rulers of the neighbouring countries, manipulated in turn by the contending powers. Israel is not interested in having the fate of her next-door neighbour decided by violence. She will not be able to stand idly by, and the maintenance of the present border will be binding upon her only as long as it remains the frontier of the country with which the Agreement was signed. A warning such as this should be made openly and firmly and may be the only way of saving the "sick boy" of the Middle East.

Hamodia (World Agoda) writes that the U.S. is paying a high price for intervening in the Anglo-French invasion of Suez, which would have had a more beneficial effect on the region. But it seems that Washington has yet to wake up to the fact that a vacuum cannot be filled with kid gloves and glib promises.

Herut dwells on Mr. Dulles' latest statement that though "America invoked the United Nations process, this was no abdication of foreign policy." This bears out our contention that America has found convenient to hide behind the U.N. in pursuing its anti-Israel policy but must understand that a peace at the expense of Israel's integrity, security and development shall never come to pass.

At the Cinema
The producers of "Anastasia" (Amphitheatre, Haifa) had a tricky problem. They had to tell the story of the survival of the Czar's daughter but, as truth may be stranger than fiction, a remark or two from the heroine leaves the door slightly ajar until a contemporary sensation is finally disposed of.

The Rinaat choir, which won first prize at the International Olympiad of Amateur Chorus in Paris last year, has already established a reputation that it drew a large crowd which followed the ambitious programme with sustained attention and ever-growing enthusiasm.

The choir consists entirely of young people, all amateurs, few of whom appeared to have any appreciable voice material, but here again was a marvellous example of what devotion and dedication and a strong conductor's personality and driving force can achieve with hard work and enthusiastic cooperation. The musical standard of phrasing, dynamics, intonation and diction was exceptionally high and the choir was expected to find a remedy for a certain shrillness in the higher soprano.

Songs by Costely, Di Lasso and Jannequin (all 16th century) were rendered spiritedly and three songs by Debussy got a beautiful interpretation. Ephraim Biran has a promising bass-baritone, mellow and rich in volume, and he put it to good use in arias by Handel and Haydn and a song by Steinberg (with Moshe Aris and a song by Admon as encores).

Y. BOHEM
A first performance of the motet "Roni Akara" by Paul Ben-Haim was the highlight of the evening. The text, from Isaiah, inspired the composer to a work that was well conceived in form and full of invention. It rightly scored an immediate success with the audience and should prove an important item in the repertoire of choral groups aspiring to a serious level of singing. The interpretation was above reproach.

A group of songs by Amram, Ben-Haim, Admon and Lavry showed the ability of the young singers to render well-known songs in an artistic way and rounded off this concert which held the listeners for over two hours and left them with the feeling of a rich and valuable experience.

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The piece de resistance at the Haifa Film Club this week was Renoir's "Partie de Campagne," based on a Maupassant story. Unfinished as it is, and raked with clichés, this fragment has much winsomeness in its contrast of idyllic nature with the drunken sensuality of the girl. The actors are more than competent but Ingrid Bergman (Anna Korff, alias the firm hand of the director) is a real find. Yul Brynner's infectious personality of "The King and I" shows signs of streamlining. What a thrill has done to the film from a thriller, a plot to obtain the deceased Czar's money, to hold the audience's interest to that theme by quick moving, sharply cut action to lead up to his main purpose. An almost snap ending invests the picture with the feeling of a rich and valuable experience.

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The historical side of a Film Club's work was taken care of by the 1914 "Loveless Maidens of Cuddleton," where we renewed acquaintance with the regretted John Bunny, and by the British 1913 "Passions of Men" which proved that, even before the First World War, officers were not necessarily gentle men.

HOLDING UP MAIL
Sir, — On February 14, I posted an airmail letter to the U.S.A. at the Central Post Office, after I had it